



Council Reporter

City of Fairfax, Virginia 22030-3630

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF January 13, 2004

Presentations and proclamations

- Presentation of a Chocolate Lovers Festival valentine to Mayor and City Council by Friends of Fairfax.
- Presented a proclamation for National Mentoring Month to members of the Board of Fairfax Partnership for Youth and the City of Fairfax Commission for Women.

Appointment

- Appointed Susan M. Rutherford as City Clerk.

Consent items

- Approved, unanimously, the following consent agenda items: a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the Fairfax Circle Short Term Improvements Project; an award of contract to The Louis Berger Group, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$46,178.00 for consulting services related to Ratcliffe Cemetery; introduced an ordinance amending Section 90-332 of the Code of the City of Fairfax, Virginia pertaining to utility taxes (public hearing January 27, 2004); introduced an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$230,000 for this fiscal year to pay closing costs related to the refinancing of the General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 1994 and the General Obligation Water Bonds, Series 1994 (the "1994 Bonds") (public hearing January 27, 2004); and, introduced an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$120,000 to hire a transportation consultant to perform Traffic Signal Timing Analysis (public hearing January 27, 2004).

Appointments to boards and commissions

- Made the following appointments to boards and commissions: reappointed Gary K. Gill to the Commission on the Arts; reappointed Cathy Pumphrey and Paul Cunningham to the Planning Commission; appointed David Berenbaum and Thomas Rathburn to the Planning Commission; reappointed George Ashley and John J. Harold to the Fairfax County Domestic and Juvenile Relations Court Citizens Advisory Council; and, reconfirmed Council appointments to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments committees.

Council Comments

- Directed staff to investigate control of the lighted crosswalk at Fairfax High School during inclement weather for the safety of pedestrians and crossing guards.
- Directed staff to obtain a cellular phone with the area code of “703” for use during 911 failures.
- Directed staff to add a budget item next year for the Bicentennial events and to advise staff of funds required this year to begin the planning of the those events.
- Directed staff to correspond with delegates expressing the council’s opposition to including party affiliation on local election ballots.
- Directed staff to explore the use of wireless technology to be used in the event of an emergency.
- Announced tentative budget meeting dates: City Manager budget presentation, March 9, 2004; work sessions, March 16 and 17, 2004; public hearing/work session, March 23, 2004; budget outreach meeting/public hearing, March 30, 2004; tentative work session, April 6, 2004; and, budget adoption, April 13, 2004.
- Suggested future discussion regarding re-election policy concerning public debates to include televising one debate by Mayor and Council candidates and one debate by School Board candidates.

Cablecast Schedule

January 13, 2004 live cablecast: January 13, 2004, 7:00 p.m. (channel 12)
January 13, 2004 replay:..... January 14 & 16, 10 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (channel 12)
January 15, 8:30 p.m. (channel 35)
January 18, 10:00 a.m. (channel 35)